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NEW, EXPANDED BUSINESSES BRING 10,000 JOBS TO ARIZONA
Salaries for Jobs Higher Than Average

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today announced that Arizona continues to attract companies that offer high-quality jobs, even as the economy slows.

According to an Arizona Department of Commerce (ADOC) report, the state attracted nearly 50 new or expanded companies through 2006. These companies will create approximately 10,000 new jobs and provide more than \$1.6 billion in capital investment over the next three years. Additionally, the jobs pay an average salary of \$49,239; Arizona's per capita mean salary is \$36,200.

"Having a variety of job sectors for local residents is good for the economy," said Governor Napolitano. "Arizona has so much to offer – an excellent business climate, a ready supply of workers, and a high quality of life. There is little mystery as to why Arizona attracts businesses in every field."

ADOC works with its economic development partners statewide to bring new or expanding companies into the state. Companies that came to Arizona chose to locate in Phoenix and Tucson, as well as other communities statewide, including Casa Grande, Yuma, Flagstaff, Eloy, Gila Bend, Kingman, Prescott Valley and Mohave and La Paz Counties. Even more beneficial to the economy, the firms are from a variety of sectors – bioscience, high-tech manufacturing, aerospace and others.

A recent survey by a well-known Washington, D.C., think tank and industry publication ranked Arizona the number one state in the country for recruitment and attraction of companies and jobs. The report was conducted by National Policy Research Council (NPRC) and *Expansion Management*, a magazine geared toward business professionals and others, focused on business relocation trends and news. The report also ranked each of Arizona's metro areas in the top ten.

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